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This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above. A copy of Form PTO/SB/08A accompanies this paper.

REMARKS

All of the presently submitted references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, i.e., Cite Nos. F1 through F6, are not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
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A concise explanation of the relevance of each of Cite Nos. F1 through F5 is incorporated into the specification in the present application at paragraphs [0008], [0009], [0010], and [0012], respectively.

Furthermore, English abstracts of these references, and of Cite No. F6 as well, are available through the Japanese Patent Office Web site, and the corresponding abstract is

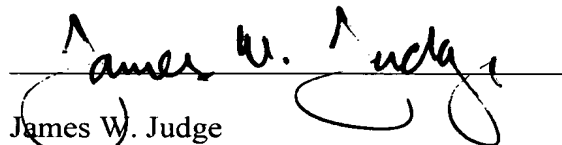
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attached to the front of each reference. (The English abstracts for Cite Nos. F1 and F6 are numbered according to the published application, not the published patent.)

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, and to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08A and make the document of record in the present application.

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